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1. CHO Man-sik (2580/2519/2784), former chief of the Chosŏn Democratic Party, is still alive in a North P'yŏngan Province camp.[1] KIM Tong-won (6855/2639/0337), former vice-chairman of the National Assembly, died of an unknown illness while a captive.[2]

2. Most other prominent politicians and officials kidnapped by the North Koreans are alive and healthy.

3. During the late summer or early fall of 1953, PAEK Sang-kyu, prominent ROK National Assemblyman, and HYON Sang-yun, president of the Korea University, were seen in a village in Chagang Province.[3] They were in good health, seemed to be well treated, were living on a school campus and had plenty of books. They said they might soon return to their homes in the ROK.

4. The family of KU Cha-kwan, chief prosecutor of the Seoul Superior Court who was kidnapped by the communists in June 1950, received a letter from KU which had been written in Peiping.

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25X1A 1. Comment. According to available information, CHO holds the post of Chairman in absentia of the Choson Democratic Party.

2. Comment. According to an earlier report, KIM was kidnapped by the North Korean Army and in October 1950 was in a P'yŏngyang prison.

3. Comment. PAEK, who has studied in the United States, and HYON were kidnapped in June 1950 by the communists.

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